

Nineteenth-Century America in Art & Literature

Dear Friend, Signed Me

NAME:

DATE:

1. Choose a partner.
2. Select an aspect of nineteenth-century life that interests you and your partner, perhaps farm life, river travel, rail travel, the Civil War, African American or native American life.
3. On this sheet of paper, write a letter to your partner from the point of view of a person, for example, riding in a train for the first time, a soldier ready to go to battle, a slave facing hardships, or a native American being forced off his or her land.
4. Before writing your letter, think about the following:
 - Describe the person writing the letter, such as strong, brave, quiet, intelligent, etc.?
 - What is the setting?
 - What issue or event will the letter be about?
5. Exchange letters with your partner and read them. On the back of this sheet or on a separate piece of paper, write a second letter in response.